WHITTA'S WORLD

OVER TO YOU JIMMY

Two months ago we asked the creators of some of the top computer footy games to prove their real-life soccer knowledge by predicting the winners of the Premier League and FA Cup. Well, now that the results are in (Manchester United and Arsenal, of course), let's find out what our pundits have to say for themselves:

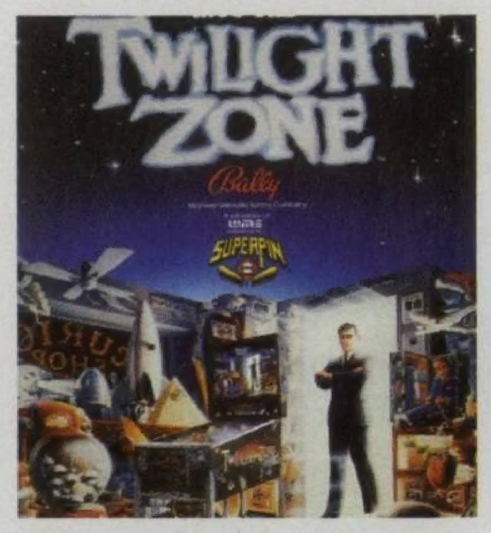
JON HARE, designer of Sensible Soccer
(Predicted Norwich for the League and Spurs for the Cup)
Jon wasn't in the Sensible office when we called, which is quite convenient for him as he got both predictions completely wrong (Norwich finished third and Spurs never made it to the final). Sensi's self-styled Mr Football has a lot of explaining to do...

DINO DINI, creator of Kick Off and Goal!
(Predicted Aston Villa for the League and Arsenal for the Cup)
"Villa just lost their edge at the end, but second place isn't too bad. Arsenal left it late, but I have a great deal of respect for Andy Linighan, who scored the winning goal in the last few seocnds. It took a great deal of bravery to head the ball in with a broken nose.

PAUL FINNEGAN, boss of Rage, creators of Striker
(Predicted Man Utd for the League and Sheffield Wednesday for the Cup)
"That bloody last minute goal from jammy Arsenal ruined it for me – I really thought I was going to do the double, and I nearly had a bet on it.

(Right) Jon Hare, the Brian Clough of computer footy. Hic.

TABLE SET FOR TWILIGHT ZONE...



The weirdest pintable ever devised is coming over here from the USA! Twilight Zone is based on the classic 60s sci-fi series and, according to the press blurb, features "a pinball that isn't and flippers that aren't", along with bonuses and features designed around famous Twilight Zone episodes. Bally claims that the table has more new features than any other machine in history and should hit the UK next month.

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1. **POPULOUS** (Imagineer)
2. **JACK NICKLAUS** (Nintendo)
3. **STAR WARS** (UbiSoft)
4. **BEST OF THE BEST** (Nintendo)
5. **CRASH DUMMIES** (Acclaim)
6. **THE BLUES BROTHERS** (UbiSoft)
7. **ALIEN 3** (Acclaim)
8. **ROBIN HOOD** (Mindscape)
9. **BATTLE OF OLYMPUS** (Imagineer)
10. **ULTIMATE RUINS** (Mindscape)

SPOT THE SHOT & WIN A GAME!

Yes, that's right. Once again we're offering you the chance to walk away with the game of your choice for your machine, simply by identifying this rather "distressed" screenshot of one of the games featured this month. We've fiddled with the pixels to make it difficult to guess, (but hopefully not as difficult as last month's King of the Monsters shot). If you fancy your chances, scribble the name of the game onto a postcard or back of a sealed envelope and send it to: SPOT THE SHOT 2, CVG, Priory Court, 30-32 Farringdon Lane, London EC1R 3AU. Don't forget to tell us which machine you own and what game you like, otherwise we'll probably send you one of the cack ones that we wouldn't touch with a barge pole.

PROGRAMMER SEEKS ASYLUM

Last month we told you that renegade journalists from rival firm Future Publishing had left to set up their own software company, Asylum. Well the plot thickens. The Bath-based team have signed up a new programmer, none other ex-Microprose code wizard Jim Gardner, who's just finished work on the Megadrive version of F-15 II. Still no news on the game itself, however, since Asylum are keeping shtum until it's absolutely finished later in the year. In the meantime, here's a picture of cuddly Jim, 28.

So there we have it. Not particularly interesting we know, but it's news all the same. Anyway, we're only printing this because Andy Smith from Asylum is our mate and we want some free beer out of him next time we're down.

RELEASE DATES

John Major's Britain, recession, blah blah blah... yes, we know times are hard, which is why budget software is more important than ever. So journey with us now, as CVG takes you on its monthly tour of formerly full-price software being re-released at a more pocket-friendly pricepoint. Not much stuff being released in the merry month of July, but then that's Summer for you.

NAME	FORMAT	PUBLISHER	PRICE
LHX Attack Chopper	PC	The Hit Squad	£12.99
Toki	Amiga	The Hit Squad	£9.99
Mean 18	Amiga/PC	The Hit Squad	£9.99/£12.99
Hardball	Amiga/PC	The Hit Squad	£9.99/£12.99
Chase HQ 2	Amiga	The Hit Squad	£9.99
Myth	Amiga	Kixx	£9.99